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## **Rep. Rob Brooks supports budget, taxpayers, and prevailing wage repeal**

*The 2015-17 budget sets the right priorities for Wisconsin's future*

**Madison, WI**—Representative Rob Brooks (R-Saukville) supported the 2015-2017 biennial budget that holds the line on taxes and repeals the prevailing wage requirement for local units of government.

“Today, Assembly Republicans demonstrated once again that they are responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars. Our current budget commits to living within our means. Republicans in the Assembly worked tirelessly to reduce bonding levels (the lowest in more than two decades); increased funding for K-12 schools, froze tuition for UW students and expanded school choice,” said Representative Brooks.

“As former chairman of the Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors, I witnessed, first-hand, the adverse effects prevailing wage had on our county. Thus, one of my first priorities, upon being elected to the legislature, was ensuring the repeal of prevailing wage. After the signing of the budget, local governments will no longer contend with the antiquated and outmoded prevailing wage law. Hundreds of millions of dollars will be saved annually, increasing the efficiency of local taxpayer resources,” Brooks said.

The budget protects important long-term care programs that are essential for so many families and saves SeniorCare so that our seniors can afford their prescription drugs. Additionally, we were able to absorb more than a \$1 billion increase in the medical assistance program for the poor. We were able to do all of this and still not raise taxes. As a matter of fact we gave tax reductions for the middle class by reforming the marriage penalty.

Under this budget, transportation bonding is reduced by \$500 million and lawmakers included a provision that ensures any transportation delays are felt equally across the state.

“I want to thank you, the citizens of Wisconsin's 60<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, for taking time out of your busy schedules to contact my office about this budget. Our decisions truly reflect your input. This budget is good for Wisconsin families and good for Wisconsin's future.

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